



Prefatory Note Regarding a New Feature of the

Plant Introduction Work of the Bureau.

It has been apparent for some time that there was need of some method of calling the attention of the various experimenters of the Bureau to the foreign seeds and plants which are left over from the regular distribution of the imported material that is sent out according to the applications on file and the recommendations of the various experts of the Bureau.

We have thought to meet this need by the issuing of what we propose to call our Spring List of Seeds and our Fall List of Seeds.

This List is the first attempt and it has met with so many difficulties in the process of its preparation, primarily a late start, that it will reach those we hope to interest too late in many cases to be of value.

Further, it should be explained that, being the first list, it has in it many things which are old and perhaps of little value. The age of the seed is, however, given in each case and it is thought that this will give an indication of its probable vitality.

Notwithstanding its grave faults, we have thought it worth while to send it around in the hope that it would at least bring forth some criticism that might aid us in the